

**Victoria J. Szymczak**

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<b>Education</b>	<b>M.S. Library and Information Science</b> <i>Pratt Institute, Brooklyn N.Y.</i> <i>Distinguished Achievement Award.</i>	1995
	<b>J.D./LL.M. (Comparative and International Law)</b> <i>Duke University School of Law, Durham, N.C.</i> Executive Editor, <i>Duke Journal of Comparative and International Law</i>	1992
	<b>B.A., Communications</b> <i>State University of New York College at Buffalo, Buffalo, N.Y.</i>	1983
<b>Career History</b>	<b>William S. Richardson School of Law,</b> <b>University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Honolulu, HI</b> • <b>Law Library Director and Associate Professor of Law</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Teaching Schedule<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Legal Research (Required course first year course)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Synchronous/Asynchronous</li></ul></li><li>▪ Space Law</li></ul></li><li>○ Coordinator of Legal Research Instruction for the Law School<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Establish research courses and methodology to match curriculum needs</li><li>▪ Advance multimedia instructional resources for information literacy and research purposes</li><li>▪ Develop distance learning protocols to advance student learning outcomes</li></ul></li><li>○ Overall Management of Library Resources<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Supervise 10 full time staff including research faculty and administrative personnel</li><li>▪ Organize outreach services to students, faculty, alumnae and the community in need of resource access</li><li>▪ Oversee ~ \$900,000 materials budget plus overall payroll for the law library</li><li>▪ Manage the University's institutional repository for law</li><li>▪ Establish and maintain working archives for faculty scholarship and the history of the school</li></ul></li></ul>	2011 - Present

**Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, N.Y.**

1996 - 2011

- **Library Director & Assistant Professor of Law (2009-2011)**
  - Teaching Schedule
    - Advanced Legal Research
    - International and Foreign Law Research
  - Overall Management of Library Resources
    - Supervised 18 full time professional and paraprofessional staff
    - Oversaw \$1.4 million dollar materials budget and overall payroll for the library
    - Implemented migration from iii to Koha Open Source ILS
    - Instituted Serials Solution discovery platform and open URL link resolver
    - Successfully integrated information literacy instruction into required writing courses
- **Electronic Information Specialist & Adjunct Professor of Law (2001-2008)**
  - Identify and introduce faculty and students to new technologies
  - Review of databases for acquisition or licensing
  - Conduct workshops for multimedia research instruction in subject discipline
- **Reference Librarian & Adjunct Associate Professor of Law (1998-2001)**
  - Answered general reference questions
  - Supervised 3 evening library employees
  - Conducted workshops for legal writing seminars

**Pace Law School, Pace University, White Plains, N.Y.**

1995-1997

- **Reference Librarian**
  - Coordinated faculty services and requests
  - Developed legal research training sessions for foreign LL.M. candidates
  - Assisted in development of the New York Court of Appeals case law database

<b>Board Appointments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board of Directors, University of Hawaii Professional Assembly 2021 – 2024</li> <li>• Advisory Board, Kapiolani Community College Paralegal Program 2019 – present</li> <li>• Board Member, Chinese American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries 2015 – present</li> <li>• Executive Board, Friends of the Federal Judicial History Center, Honolulu, HI 2015 - 2021</li> </ul>	
<b>Awards</b>	<p>American Association of Law Libraries, Reynolds and Flores Foreign Publication Award (for <i>Charting the Legal Systems of the Western Pacific Islands</i>) 2019</p> <p>American Association of Law Libraries, Kenneth J. Hirsch Distinguished Service Award. 2017</p>	
<b>University Engagement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• William S. Richardson School of Law Committees 2011 - Present <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Library Committee, Ex Officio</li> <li>○ Workload Policy Committee (2022-2024)</li> <li>○ Academic Standards (2020-2021)</li> <li>○ Accreditation Committee (2015-2017)</li> <li>○ Distance Learning Committee (2015-2017) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chair (2016-2017)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Curriculum Committee, (2014-2016; 2019-2020) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chair (2015-2016)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Building Committee (2012-2014)</li> <li>○ Teaching Excellence, Chair (2021-2023)</li> <li>○ Technology, Chair (2011-2012)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• University of Hawai'i Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Library Council (Permanent)</li> <li>○ UH-UHPA Librarians Working Group (2020- ongoing)</li> <li>○ Athletics Compliance Committee, Chair (2016-2019)</li> <li>○ Faculty Senate Member (2012-2016) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Athletics, Vice Chair (2015-2016)</li> <li>▪ Professional Matters (2012-2015)</li> <li>▪ Grievance (2013-2014)</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Committee on Open Access Scholarship (2012-2013)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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| <b>Professional Activities</b> | • American Bar Association, Legal Education Police Practices Consortium<br>○ Library Directors Working Group   | 2020 - present |
|                                | • Society of American Law Library Directors<br>○ Vice Chair (2014-2017)  | 2013 - present |
|                                | • Chinese American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries<br>○ Educational Programming Co-Chair for the 2019 Bi-Annual Meeting, Washington, DC<br>○ Local Arrangements and Programming Chair for the 2015 Bi-annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI  | 2009 - present |
|                                | • American Society of International Law,<br>○ International Legal Research Interest Group, Co-Chair (2017-2018)  | 2015 -present  |
|                                | • New York State Bar Association   | 1995 - present |
| <b>Presentations</b>           | • <b><i>What You Need to Know About the Next Gen Bar Exam, American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting</i></b> , Boston, MA. Panel discussion on the legal research instruction in preparation for the Bar Exam and its effect on professional status of instructional law librarians. <i>Speaker.</i>  | 2023           |
|                                | • <b><i>Researching the Implementation of Foreign and International Law on International Indigenous Peoples, American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting</i></b> , Boston, MA. Presentation on the history and implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. <i>Moderator.</i> | 2023           |
|                                | • <b><i>Advocating the Value of the Law Library to Non-librarians</i></b> , AALL Webinar. Panel discussion on best practices to demonstrate value for academic and firm law libraries to different audiences. <i>Speaker.</i>  | 2023           |
|                                | • <b><i>Copyright Part 1: Is it fair? Is it legal?</i></b> , University of Hawaii at Manoa webinar. Addressed the University faculty on basic copyright law with a focus on the fair use exception. <i>Speaker (with Dan Blackaby).</i>  | 2022           |

- **Copyright Part 2: Is it fair? Is it legal?** University of Hawaii at Manoa webinar. Addressed the University of faculty on the fair use of copyright materials in education using practical examples in for analog and digital delivery methods. *Speaker (with Dan Blackaby).* 2022
- **Pacific Islands: Past, Present, and Future**, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals webinar. Discussed blackbirding in the context of U.K. colonization and compared the protection of customary law in Hawaii, Yap, Solomon Islands, and Papua New Guinea. *Speaker.* 2021
- **Pacific Islands: Honoring Asian American and Pacific Island Heritage Month**, WestPac/AALL webinar. Discussed the colonization of the Pacific Basin, the Pacific slave trade, and the current legal frameworks of Pacific Islands. *Speaker.* 2021
- **Law of U.S. Territories**, AALL webinar. Discussed the research ramifications for failing to capture capturing and organize the legal documentation in U.S. territories using the Territory and Republic of Hawaii as an example. *Speaker.* 2020
- **Traditional Law in a Modern World: Researching Indigenous Peoples' Law**, AALL Webinar, Reviewed Constitutional protections afforded Pacific Islanders including native Hawaiians. *Speaker.* 2020
- **Charting the Legal Systems of the Western Pacific**, WestPac Annual Meeting, Anchorage, AK. Discussion of the research challenges faced when writing my guide of the same title. *Speaker.* 2018
- **Partnerships with Vendors on Reporting and Utilizing E-Resources Usage**, Chinese-American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries, Bi-Annual Meeting, Zhejiang University School of Law, Hangzhou, China. Presented a portion of my chapter in Digital Rights Management: A Librarian's Guide on the influence of e-resource data usage on collection practices in U.S. academic law libraries. 2017
- **Promoting the Value of Technical Services at Budget Time: Practical Advice for Directors and Managers**, American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. Panel discussion on the unique value of law specialists in technical services departments and how to defend these positions in budget meetings. *Coordinator and Speaker.* 2016

- ***The Evolving Face of Reference Services, Joint Western Pacific/China and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries Annual Meeting***, Honolulu, HI. This panel reviews and evaluates new trends being used to provide reference services in the academic law library. *Panelist.* 2015
- ***An LL.M., An Oral Presentation, and a Video Camera, Igniting Law Teaching Legal TED Conference***, Washington College of Law, American University, Washington D.C. TED talk on legal education, technology and the growth of the LL.M. curriculum in American law schools. 2014
- ***The New Generation of Legal Research Databases, American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting***, Boston, MA. Comparative discussion among academic and private firm librarians about the instruction and use of BLAW, Lexis Advance and Westlaw Next. *Coordinator and Speaker.* 2012
- ***Copyright and the Librarian, Special Library Association, Hawai’ian Pacific Chapter Annual Meeting***, Honolulu, HI. In this workshop I reviewed the U.S. Copyright Act, its exceptions, and the practical application of the law in special libraries using problem-based scenarios. *Speaker.* 2012
- ***Impact of Technology in Law Libraries, Chinese and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries Bi-Annual Meeting***, Philadelphia, PA. A colloquium for American and Asian law librarians to exchange ideas on the development of law libraries on a global level. *Speaker.* 2011
- ***The Next Generation of Legal Research Databases Eighteen Months Later, American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting***, Philadelphia, PA. An examination of new digital platforms introduced by common vendors and their effectiveness to meet needs at private and academic institutions. *Moderator.* 2011
- ***Mile High Summit on Training: Are Things Coming to a Peak?, American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting***, Philadelphia, PA. A review of how law firms and law schools are changing their approaches to legal research instruction. *Moderator.* 2010

- **WYDSIWYG: What You Don't See Is What You Don't Get,** 2009  
**American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting,**  
Washington, D.C. A presentation on how web site designs can  
be easily modified to accommodate the visually impaired.  
*Coordinator and Moderator.*

- **Hot Topic: The New Economic Reality: Opportunity or** 2009  
**Catastrophe?, American Association of Law Libraries Annual**  
**Meeting,** Washington, D.C. A panel discussion exploring the  
effects that the economic crisis has affected different segments  
of the legal market, and the ways different organizations are  
meeting new challenges. *Panelist.*

- Publications**
- *The Legal System of American Samoa,* in *Legal Systems of U.S. Territories (forthcoming 2025).*
  - *Hawaii Legal Research,* Durham North Carolina: Carolina Academic Press (2021).
  - *Teachers' Manual, Hawaii Legal Research,* Durham, North Carolina: Carolina Academic Press (*forthcoming 2021*).
  - Book Review, *Research Handbook on Law and Courts,* 48 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEGAL INFORMATION 90 (2020).
  - A Day in My Law Library Life, Circa 2018, 111 LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL 71 (2019).
  - Book Review, *The Federal Judiciary: Strengths and Weaknesses,* 110 LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL 158 (2018).
  - *Charting the Legal Systems of the Western Pacific Islands: A Legal Research Guide,* 70 Legal Research Guides, Buffalo, New York: William S. Hein and Co., Inc. (2017).
  - Provisions for digital collections and sample language. In C. Lemmer and C. Wale (Eds.), *Digital rights management: The librarian's guide.* Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc. (2016).
  - Library Director as Manager of Union Employees. In Michelle Wu (ed.), *Academic Law Library Director Perspectives.* Buffalo, New York: William S. Hein & Co., Inc. (2015).

- Book Review, *Copyright for Academic Librarians and Professionals*, 107 LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL 136 (2015).
- *Perspectives on Teaching Foreign and International Legal Research*, Jean Davis, ed., 19 LEGAL REFERENCE SERVICES QUARTERLY 55 (2001).
- Book Review, *International Litigation: A Guide to Jurisdiction, Practice and Strategy*, 27 INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEGAL INFORMATION 134 (Spring 1999).
- Jean Davis & Victoria Szymczak, *Selected Insolvency and Bankruptcy Resources*, 23 BROOKLYN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 181 (1997).

**Courses**

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| • Legal Research 1 (Annually, 2013 – present, multiple sections) | 2 credits |
| • International and Foreign Law Research (Variable)              | 2 credits |
| • Space Law (Variable)   | 2 credits |
| • Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court (2017-2020)      | 1 credit  |
| • Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court (2013 – present)            | 1 credit  |